

**REMARKS**

Claims 2-18 and 21 are currently pending in the application. Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 6-7 and 13. Claim 1 is canceled with this response. Claims 2-4, 8-9 and 14-18 have been amended to depend on allowable claim 13, and claims 12 and 21 have been amended to depend on allowable claim 6. Consequently, the proposed claim amendments put the application into condition for allowance, and therefore entry of the claim amendments is believed to be proper at this time. Allowance of the application in light of the amendments is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should any fees be due as a result of the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account Number 50-1733, MAIKP174WOUS.

Respectfully submitted,  
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